

## District Attorney of Sonoma Co.

EMMET SEAWELL, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

*Santa Rosa, Cal., Oct 3rd, 1894.*

L. W. Justi Esq.,

Glen Ellen, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your letter relative to trespass by chickens on your premises received. In reply I will say that you have no legal right to kill the chickens. You will have an action against the owner of the fowls for any damage they may have done to your property, but I know of no law that would give the right to you to shoot them or destroy them. While our Constitution preserves to every man the right to protect his own property, even to the extent of taking human life, yet in such a case as you state I would hesitate about killing the chickens if there were any other possible way to prevent their further trespass.

Hoping the above will give the information desired, I am

Very Truly Yours,

Emmet Seawell,

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